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Sir:

In response to the August 31, 2009 Notice of Allowability, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and two (2) replacement sheets are attached.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.